

### Geographic Review Panel 3 – American River/Eastside Tribes

**Proposal number:** 2001-L212 **Short Proposal Title:** SEWD/CCWD Fish Screen—  
Calaveras River

- 1. Applicability to CALFED ERP Goals and Implementation Plan and CVPIA priorities, and relevance to ERP and CVPIA priorities for your region.** Highly applicable. The Calaveras River has the potential to support steelhead, and may be important for recovery of the species.
- 2. Linkages/coordination with previously funded projects or other restoration activities in your region.** Strong linkage with proposed limiting factors analysis for salmonids (K219).
- 3. Feasibility, especially the project's ability to move forward in a timely and successful manner.** High feasibility.
- 4. Qualifications of the applicants and others involved in implementing the proposed project.** Project team is highly qualified.
- 5. Local involvement (including environmental compliance).** Local project.
- 6. Cost.** Reasonable, project ambitious given the budget. Consider phasing the project.
- 7. Cost sharing.** Minor.
- 8. Additional comments.** The Panel notes that the PSP says that "Proposed (fish screen) work should include: characterization of pre-project conditions, testing of alternatives in technology and siting and continuous evaluation and monitoring." This proposal does not meet this requirement.

This seems like a project for which funding should be phased. Panel recommends that only Phase 1 should be funded at this time. Phase 2 funding should be contingent on successful completion of Phase 1 and outcome of the ongoing NMFS consultation process.

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#### **Regional Ranking**

**Panel Ranking:** High.

**Provide a brief explanation of your ranking:** An analysis of screening options for the Calaveras River between New Hogan Dam and Bellota Weir is an essential step in the planning process for salmonid restoration. It will also probably be an important element of the recovery plan for steelhead trout developed under the ESA consultation process. The Calaveras has a high potential for making at least a moderate contribution toward doubling natural production of Central Valley steelhead. Thus, the project is very worthwhile. Moreover, the project is well thought out and feasible and the project team is highly qualified. Panel recommends that only Phase 1 be funded at this time.

The Anadromous Fish Screening Program (AFSP) Technical Team should be active participants in the project, and that recommendations regarding screening priorities be agreed to by the AFSP team and the project applicants.